



Winter Calendar of Events

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Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow!

Fri., December 28

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Sunset Hike

Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, round trip hike.

Sat., December 29

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Star Walk

Take part in a ranger-guided stroll under the stars and learn more about Cassiopeia and the Big Dipper.

Fri., January 11

7:30-9:00 p.m.

ROCKIN' Star Walk

Designed for children ages 6-12, families are encouraged to join park staff for a short walk under the stars and a cup of hot cocoa!

Learn more about Cassiopeia and the Big Dipper.

**This activity is a ROCKIN' Snow Canyon event.*

Sat., January 12

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cinder Cone Hike

Learn about volcanoes and the volcanic activity responsible for the lava flows in the park. Hike to the top of the Snow Canyon cinder cone during this 1.5-mile, round trip hike.

Sat., January 26

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Winter Circle: Star Walk

Take part in a ranger-guided stroll under the stars and explore the 'Winter Circle'—a bright pattern of stars adorning our cold, February skies!

Fri., February 8

7:00-8:30 p.m.

ROCKIN' Winter Circle: Star Walk

Designed for children ages 6-12, families are encouraged to join park staff for a short star walk and explore the 'Winter Circle'—a bright pattern of stars adorning our cold, February skies!

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Sat., February 9

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow!

Sat., February 23

8:00-9:30 p.m.



All listed events are free and open to the public. Space is limited; registration required. Program registration is held two days preceding the scheduled event.

Register by phone or in person. For more information or to register for a program contact park staff at (435) 628-2255.



** ROCKIN' Snow Canyon is part of a statewide program (Reaching Out Connecting Kids In Nature).*

In the bleak midwinter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

- Christina Rossetti, A Christmas Carol

Snow Canyon State Park



Reflections

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I do an awful lot of thinking and dreaming about things in the past and the future - the timelessness of the rocks and the hills - all the people who have existed there. I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show.
— Andrew Wyeth



Jim Van Meter, a 71- year old St. George resident, wanted to do something special for Snow Canyon State Park. In 2008, his daughter Vicki Van Meter passed away and this is where he goes to feel close to her.

“Snow Canyon was a very special place to Vicki,” Van Meter explained. “When I’m here I feel that she is with me.”

He is very proud of Vicki and beams when he shares stories of his daughter, who at the age of 11 became the youngest female pilot to make a transcontinental flight. She was even featured in *Time Magazine* where she stated “it doesn’t matter what age you are, it matters what you think and feel.”

Van Meter approached park staff in June about the crumbling detention basin at the Whiterocks amphitheater. The basin was once utilized to capture seasonal run-off for over-wintering cattle. His hope was to restore the structure so it would again be able to

store water and attract both people and native wildlife.

After developing a detailed plan and making site visits with staff, he received approval to move ahead with his project. From mid-September to mid-October, Van Meter spent approximately 100 hours hauling over 700 pounds of concrete and 40 gallons of water to complete the basin. Over the course of his daily trips he hiked more than 30-miles. Van Meter is a clear illustration of a dedicated volunteer and in the words of his daughter “it truly doesn’t matter what age you are.”

In spite of the intense work, Van Meter stated how he found it “a very peaceful and welcoming place.” During his restoration work Jim was visited by butterflies, hummingbirds, bats, and other wildlife as well as visitors from many states throughout the U.S.

This special place will continue to offer visitors enjoyment thanks to Van Meter’s vision, hard work, and his tribute to Vicki reflected in the beauty, serenity, and ripples of Whiterocks.